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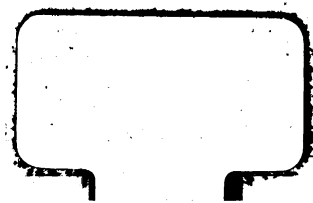

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A Manual of Intercessory Prayer.

"For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."
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Preface.

THE purpose of this Manual is to aid devout hearts in the practice of that sublime work of Intercession by which man is lifted up to share in the work of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ upon His Throne of mediation. It has been said that, while it is by necessity that we pray for ourselves, it is by charity alone that we are moved to pray for others.

In the compilation of the following pages, the chief difficulty has been found in the selection of prayers most likely to be useful for persons in ordinary life. Where the materials are so rich, the Editor considers it would have been an impertinence had he set forth in this book any prayers from his own pen. All, therefore, that is here printed has been selected, with as much care as he could command, from the pages of those who, in ancient and modern days, have enriched the Church's treasury of devotion by the composition of intercessory prayers suited to the varying needs of the faithful. Much is of necessity

omitted which finds a place in other manuals. The design of "The Golden Chain" is not so much to include prayers for every possible condition and relationship of life, as to form, in as simple a manner as possible, a small and handy collection of intercessions adapted to the most common circumstances.

Where the pious thoughts of others have been so largely taken advantage of, it is not possible to acknowledge in detail the obligations incurred; but the Editor cannot refrain from pointing those who may use this little book to the larger and more learned labours of the Rev. Canon Bright, in his beautiful collection of Ancient Collects, and to those of the Rev. Father Benson, in his exhaustive "Manual of Intercessory Prayer."

Note.

IN order to save space it has been thought well for the most part to omit the full endings of the prayers, which may be used as set forth below :—

Through *Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Through the Same *Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Who liveth *and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end.*

Who livest *and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end.*

Where Thou *with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, world without end.*

Through Thy mercy, *O our God, Who art blessed, and livest and reignest for ever and ever.*

HYMN TO THE HOLY GHOST.

COME, Thou Holy Paraclete,
And from Thy celestial seat
Send Thy light and brilliancy.

Father of the poor, draw near,
Giver of all gifts, be here:
Come, the soul's true radiancy:

Come, of Comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest guest,—
Come in toil refreshingly:

Thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art shadow from the heat,
Comfort in adversity.

O Thou Light, most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
Of Thy faithful company.

Where Thou art not, man hath nought;
Every holy deed and thought
Comes from Thy Divinity.

What is soiled, make Thou pure;
What is wounded, work its cure;
What is parched, fructify;

What is rigid, gently bend;
What is frozen, warmly tend;
  Strengthen what goes erringly.

Fill Thy faithful, who confide
In Thy power to guard and guide,
  With Thy sevenfold Mystery:

Here Thy grace and virtue send;
Grant salvation in the end,
  And in heaven felicity. Amen.

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For the Church.

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For the Church.

FOR PEACE, UNITY, AND LOVE.

THOU, Who hast purchased and redeemed Thy congregation of old; be mindful of Thy Holy Church from one end of the earth to the other; grant her Thy peace, and establish her even to the end of the world. O Thou, Who walkest in the midst of the golden candlesticks; remove not our candlestick out of the place thereof: set in order the things that are wanting, strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die. Through Thy mercy.

FOR PEACE, UNITY, AND LOVE.

GRACIOUS Father, I humbly beseech Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it, O Thou Holy One of Israel. Through.

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O GOD, the Father, Origin of Divinity, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in Whom is calmness, peace, and concord; do Thou make up the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into an unity of love, which may bear some likeness to Thy sublime Nature. And as Thou art above all things, make us one by the unanimity of a good mind: that through the embrace of charity and the bonds of affection we may be spiritually one, as well in ourselves as in each other; through that peace of Thine which maketh all things peace-

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ful, and through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of Thine Only-begotten Son.

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O BENIGNANT King of ages, and Master of all creation, receive Thy Church approaching Thee through Christ; fulfil for each of us what is good for him; bring us all to perfection, and make us meet for the grace of Thy sanctification, uniting us together in Thy Holy Church, which Thou hast purchased with the precious Blood of Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; with Whom, and with Thine All-Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, Thou art blessed and glorified for ever.

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O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from Godly union and concord; that as there is

FOR PEACE, UNITY, AND LOVE.

but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee. Through.

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HAVE mercy, O Lord Jesu Christ, upon Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which Thou hast purchased to Thyself, and which hopefully awaits the coming of Thy kingdom; and join together, I beseech Thee, all its members in concord, and love, and faith in Thee. Who livest.

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O GOD, Who hast taught Thy Church to keep all Thy heavenly commandments by loving Thy Godhead and our neighbour; grant us the spirit of peace and grace: that Thy universal family may be both devoted to Thee with their whole heart, and united to each other with a pure will. Through.

FOR PEACE, UNITY, AND LOVE.

O GOD of Love, O Giver of Concord, Who hast given one counsel for our profit, with a new commandment, through Thine Only-begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as Thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy Beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray Thee, O Lord, give to us Thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren. Through the Same.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who saidst unto Thine apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not my sins but the faith of Thy Church; and grant her that peace and unity which is according to Thy will. Who livest.

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WE beseech Thee, O Lord, open Thy heavens, open our eyes; from thence may Thy gifts descend to us; from hence may our hearts look back to Thee. May Thy

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FOR PRESERVATION OF THE FAITH.

O GOD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power for the maintenance of Thy holy Religion, and vindicate the glory of Thy holy Name, which is assailed; that those who scoff may be brought to tremble at the manifest tokens of Thy Majesty, and those who love Thy Name may be the more strengthened to persevere in holy hope. Through.

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WE beseech Thine Omnipotence, Holy God, Father Almighty, that Thou wouldest fill us with the gift of Thine Only-begotten Son, and the ineffable blessing, visitation, and life-giving power of Thine and His Holy Spirit; whereby Thy Church, enkindled with His fire, may hold the true Faith in Him from Whom she receives all truth.

FOR PRESERVATION OF THE FAITH.

O ETERNAL GOD and merciful Father, we humbly pray for Thy Holy Church throughout the world; that it being purged from false philosophy and vain deceit, we may live and act as befits the members of the mystical Body of Thy Son, and in the end be found acceptable unto Thee. Through the Same.

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FOR THOSE WHO OPPOSE.

STOP the mouths, O Lord, we pray Thee, of all who would profanely vaunt of earthly power against Thy heavenly kingdom; and grant: that they may humble themselves in penitence, to confess their own sin and Thy glory. Through.

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BE merciful, O Lord, to all those who are setting themselves in opposition to Thy truth; and grant: that many who are carried away in ignorance and prejudice to follow the outcry of the ungodly, being brought to know and reverence the truth, which now they hate, may have their portion with Thy Saints in the day of the manifestation of Thy glory. Through.

FOR THOSE WHO OPPOSE.

O LORD God of Hosts, Who makest Thy Church unconquerable; check the pride of her persecutors with the might of Thy right Hand: that put to shame for their amendment they may through Thy mercy repent, and their eyes be opened to the light of Thy truth. Through.

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HAVE mercy, O compassionate Father, on all who are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin; vouchsafe them grace to come to themselves, the will and power to return to Thee; and the loving welcome of Thy forgiveness. Through.

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O CHRIST, the Son of God, Who didst bear the revilings of unbelieving men when they carried Thee away to judgement; hear our prayer and show Thy power, we beseech Thee, towards the enemies of Thy Church: that they who persecute Thee daily

FOR THOSE WHO OPPOSE.

in Thy members, being converted to the mystery of the Faith, may gratefully acknowledge along with us that Thou wast delivered for the ungodly, and that the ungodly attain to righteousness by the glory of Thy Passion Who livest.

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FOR HERETICS.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the true fruits of repentance to those who have wandered out of the way through sin: that they may obtain pardon for their offences, and be restored cleansed to Thy Holy Church. Through.

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who savest all men, and willest not that any should perish; look upon the souls which have been deceived by the fraud of the devil: that all heretical perversity may be done away, and the hearts of the erring may repent and return to Thine unshaken truth. Through.

FOR HERETICS.

GRANT, O Lord, to those who have lost the grace of the Font, that they may again be adorned with the gifts of faithful repentance. Through.

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ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who hast given us the Catholic Faith of Christ for a light to our feet amid the darkness of this world; have pity upon all who, by doubting or denying it, are gone astray from the path of safety; bring home the truth to their hearts, and grant them to receive it as little children. Through the Same.

FOR COMMUNICANTS.

MOST gracious Father, Who callest us unto Thyself by Jesus Christ; reveal Thy dear Son in the hearts of those who diligently approach Thy holy Altar; and grant: that they, realising more and more the sweetness of His presence, may come to the more humble acknowledgement of their own weakness, and the more faithful acceptance of His all-sufficient grace. Through the Same.

O LORD, we pray Thee by Thine aid to sustain those whom Thou dost renew through Thy holy Sacraments; and as Thou dost refresh them with temporal blessings, so do Thou feed them also with those that endure unto eternal life. Through.

FOR COMMUNICANTS.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Son of the living God, have mercy upon all Thy servants who this day offer unto Thee, or receive, the most holy and precious price of our redemption, the Sacrament of Thy precious Body and Blood; and grant unto them grace, virtue, and strength to offer and partake of this Thy all-holy Body and Blood with right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity, with the increase of humility and patience, obedience, chastity, and all holiness: to the honour and glory of the Holy Undivided Trinity, and the joy of all the company of heaven, and those also who sleep in Thee.

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VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy family, and guard with watchful tenderness the hearts which have been hallowed by sacred Mysteries: that as by Thy mercy they receive the healing gifts of eternal salvation, they may retain them by Thy protecting power. Through.

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FOR THE FAITHFUL.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, let the invincible defence of Thy power be the bulwark of Thy faithful people: that they, being ever devoted to Thee with pious affection, may both be freed from the assault of enemies, and continually persevere in Thy grace. Through.

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O LORD, we beseech Thee to grant unto Thy people such a measure of Thy heavenly benediction and grace, that by the continuance of Thy clemency they may be delivered in every hour of need from the weakness of the flesh and the malice of the devil. Through.

FOR THE FAITHFUL.

O GOD, Who through Thine Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, hast endowed the regenerating waters with the grace which halloweth unto eternal salvation, and didst Thyself come upon Him by Thy Spirit, in the descent of the mysterious Dove upon His Head; grant, we beseech Thee: that there may come upon Thy whole Church a blessing which may keep us all continually safe, may unceasingly bless all classes of Thy servants, may direct the course of those who follow Thee, and open the door of the heavenly kingdom to all who are waiting to enter. Through the Same.

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MERCIFUL Lord, the Comforter and Teacher of Thy faithful people, increase in Thy Church the desires which Thou hast given, and confirm the hearts of those who hope in Thee, by enabling them to understand the depth of Thy promises; that all Thine adopted sons may even now behold with the eyes of faith, and patiently wait for, the light which as yet Thou dost not openly manifest. Through.

FOR THE FAITHFUL.

GIVE strength, O Lord, to those who seek Thee, and continually pour into their souls the holy desire of seeking Thee: that they who long to see Thy face may not crave the pernicious pleasures of the world. Through.

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WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to renew Thy people inwardly and outwardly: that as Thou wouldest not have them to be hindered by bodily pleasures, Thou mayest make them vigorous with spiritual purpose; and refresh them in such sort by things transitory, that Thou mayest grant them rather to cleave to things eternal. Through.

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WE entreat Thee, O God, for Thy Holy Catholic Church. Furnish her plentifully with the rich gift of Thy Holy Spirit. Look down upon her in her captivity. Visit her with Thy Salvation, and grant her grace to serve Thee in the beauty of holiness. Through.

FOR THE FAITHFUL.

O GOD, Who hast vouchsafed to raise up in every age defenders of Thy Church, to put down her enemies, and to restore the solemnities of Thy holy service; grant that we, following their footsteps, may so abide in Thy service that, overcoming all the snares of her enemies, we may rejoice in perpetual peace. Through.

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IN TIME OF SPECIAL NEED.

STRENGTHEN the hearts of Thy faithful people, O Lord: that they may never tremble at the approach of danger, but may recognise in the perils of Thy Church a special opportunity for the showing forth of Thy power to deliver. Through.

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LET Thy perpetual mercy, O Lord, accompany Thy Church: that, while it is placed among the storms of the world, it may both be refreshed with present gladness, and behold the brightness of eternal bliss. Through.

IN TIME OF SPECIAL NEED.

O GOD, Who wilt never suffer the gates of hell to prevail against Thy Church, whilst nevertheless from age to age Thou sufferest the violence of the enemy to rise up in successive victories, threatening her life; grant that we may have a faith acceptable in Thy sight, and may learn amidst every danger to rest the more simply upon Thee by the very loss of all else whereon we can rely, so that we may not perish with the world amidst the shaking of all outer things, but may look forward with confidence to the approach of our Redemption, as we contemplate the uprising of the powers of darkness. Through.

FOR INCREASE.

GOD, Who callest us from this mortal estate to dwell with Thee in the life everlasting; mercifully hasten the perfection of Thy Church: that the wicked one may no longer oppress those whom Thy Blessed Son has redeemed, and that we, being set at liberty, may quickly partake of the salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Through the Same.

O GOD, of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on Thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and, by the tranquil operation of Thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through Him from Whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ.

FOR PENITENTS.

sins, and to keep from future temptation: that by Thy mercy preventing them, they may be cleansed from the one, and by Thy grace protecting them, they may be delivered from the other. Through.

O GOD, the most gracious Maker and most merciful Restorer of mankind, Who, when man, by the envy of the devil, was cast down from eternal life, didst redeem him with the blood of Thine Only Son; give life to Thy servant N., whose death Thou dost in no wise desire; and as Thou didst not leave *him* when *he* was astray, so do Thou receive *him* when *he* is brought back. Let the sorrowful sighing of Thy servant move Thy pity. Do Thou heal *his* wounds; do Thou extend to *him* Thy saving Hand, lest Thy Church should be despoiled of any portion of her body; lest Thy flock should suffer loss; lest *he* who was born again in the salutary laver should be possessed by the second death. Spare Thou all who confess: that in this mortal life they may by Thy help so mourn over their sins, that in the day of the dread-

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ful judgement they may escape the sentence of eternal damnation, and may know neither the terrors of the darkness nor the fury of the flame; and that having returned from the path of error to the way of righteousness, they may be pierced with no more wounds, but may retain in fulness and perpetuity both what Thy grace hath vouchsafed, and what Thy mercy hath restored. Through the Same.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; despise not the sacrifice of a troubled spirit, of a broken and contrite heart, which Thy servant N. offers unto Thee. Stablish that which Thou hast wrought in *him*, and loose Thou in Heaven that which is loosed in Thy Name on earth. Hallow *him* ever more and more in Thy fear and love, whom Thou didst seek as *his* Shepherd when *he* was astray, and broughtest back on Thy shoulders. Keep *him* by Thy grace, lest *his* latter end be worse than the first. Look, O Lord, upon

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the sorrow of *his* heart; be moved with compassion towards *him;* bring forth the best robe and put it on *him*, that *he* may feast at Thy Table, and eat with Thee. Who livest.

FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee (especially N.): that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance and earnest longing for Thy service. Through.

O GOD, merciful and gracious, hear the prayer that I make before Thee on behalf of N., who is perishing in hardness of heart and contempt of Thy holy Word. Make *him* wise to leave the ways of sin and to shake off the chains which the evil one has cast around *his* soul: put into *his* heart good desires and loathing of iniquity: stir up within *him* the despised gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that where sin abounds Thy grace may much more abound. Through.

FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS.

AWAKEN, O Lord, all those who are unconscious of their spiritual need, especially those in this place; and grant them so to lay aside all habits inconsistent with Thy love, that they may persevere in Thy true service, and be accepted of Thee as faithful children. Through.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who hast given Thine own Body and Blood to be our spiritual food and sustenance; pardon all those who put away from them this inestimable treasure through worldly cares, or ignorance, or unbelief, and those also who, in drawing near, seek not to apprehend Thy heavenly Substance with the touch of faith. Who livest.

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O GOD, Who dost not refuse Thy bounty even to the unthankful and the evil; hear the prayers of Thy Church for those who neglect to pray for themselves. Grant that they may learn to accept the blessings of earth as Thine unmerited gift, and seek to

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know Thee Thyself in life everlasting by faith and thanksgiving. Through.

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O JESU, Word and Wisdom of the Father, Whom the natural heart cannot receive because it is corrupt and become abominable. through wicked works; we beseech Thee for all those that are aliens from the Faith : that they, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, may be made partakers of Thy heavenly knowledge, and rejoice with Thy people in the hope of Thy perfect vision in everlasting glory. Through Thy mercy, O our God, Who livest and governest all things, blessed for evermore.

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WE pray to Thee, O Lord, for all who live wilfully in sin, and harden their hearts against Thee (especially N.). Excite them, good Lord, to contrition; melt their impenitent hearts; open their eyes that they may behold the peril of their souls; draw them out of the mire where they are sinking;

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convert them, and they shall live. Though they have desperately sinned, yet do Thou of Thine infinite mercy forgive them. Let not these poor souls, so blind, so dead in sins, perish in the everlasting fires. Show now upon them Thy mercy, and waken out of their most fearful sleep those who are in such great need of repentance and forgiveness. Through.

FOR THE HEATHEN.

GOD of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance; and according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy Holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee. Through Him Whom Thou hast sent to be our Salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR BENEFACTORS.

MERCIFUL LORD, we beseech Thee plentifully to recompense the benefactors of Thy Church for the good they have conveyed to us, pouring out upon them Thy rich pity, and guiding in the way of true devotion those who benefit by their alms; that what they have established for Thy glory may evermore abide before Thee as a memorial for their salvation. As Thou knowest the necessities of each one, so do Thou supply them of Thine infinite mercy, perfecting them according to Thy will, that they may attain to the glorious inheritance of Thy saints. Through.

REMEMBER, O Lord, all who bring forth fruit and do good works in Thy Holy Church, all who are mindful of the poor, the sick, widows, orphans, strangers, and outcasts, and all who desire to be remembered in our prayers. Through.

FOR BENEFACTORS.

O THOU, Who hast promised that those who do good in their generation shall in no wise lose their reward; be mindful of all who bring forth the fruit of good works in Thy Holy Church, and of those who remember the poor and needy: repay them with Thy rich and heavenly gifts: grant them for earthly things the blessings of heaven, for corruptible those that fade not away, for temporal those that endure for ever.

II.

For the Clergy and People.

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FOR BISHOPS.

GIVE wisdom, O Lord, we pray Thee, to all Archbishops and Bishops: that the entanglements of their worldly position may not hold them back from the maintenance of Thy truth, nor the cares of this world render them insensible to the responsibilities which they have incurred towards Thee, nor the fear of transitory dangers lead them to rely upon any other power but Thine alone. Through.

FOR BISHOPS.

GRANT, O Lord, that those who are called to stations of eminence in Thy Church may be fulfilled with the manifold illumination of Thy grace: that so they may be enabled to guide Thy people according to the will of Thy Holy Spirit. Through.

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O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants, look down in mercy on Thy servant N., the Bishop of this Diocese. Do Thou evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify, and save him; and grant him by Thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that he may with the flock committed to him attain to everlasting life. Through.

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FOR PARISH PRIESTS.

O GOD, Who providest for Thy people with tenderness, and rulest over them in love; give the Spirit of wisdom to those to whom Thou hast given the authority of government: that from the well-being of the holy sheep may proceed the eternal joy of the Pastors. Through.

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O LORD and Saviour Christ, Who camest not to strive nor cry, but to let Thy words fall as the drops that water the earth; grant all who contend for the faith once delivered, never to injure it by clamour and impatience: but speaking Thy precious truth in love, so to present it that it may be loved, and that men may see in it Thy goodness and Thy beauty. Who livest.

FOR PARISH PRIESTS.

O LORD GOD of Hosts, fill, we beseech Thee, those whom Thou hast set as Pastors over Thy sheep (in this parish) with righteousness and true holiness, that by their faith and piety they may overcome the wicked one, and save the Lord's flock from the danger of his assaults. Through.

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GRANT, O God, to Thy servant N., to be set on fire with Thy Spirit, strengthened by Thy power, illuminated by Thy splendour, filled with Thy grace, and to go forward by Thine aid. Give him, O Lord, a right faith, perfect love, and true humility. Grant, O Lord, that there may be in him simple affection, brave patience, persevering obedience, perpetual peace, a pure mind, a right and clean heart, a good will, a holy conscience, spiritual compunction, ghostly strength, a life unspotted and unblameable; and after having manfully finished his course, may he be enabled happily to enter into Thy Kingdom. Through.

FOR PARISH PRIESTS.

O CHRIST, the true Priest, Whose Priesthood never passeth away; let Thy power come to the aid of Thy servants, and clothe them with glory and beauty: that they may carefully and excellently discharge their priesthood according to Thy pleasure; and as they have received their talents to be profitably employed, as the Spirit giveth ability, they may at last lay them on Thy table with abundant gain, that they may become worthy to hear that voice full of hope, Enter into the joy that has no end. May they go on, O Lord, from strength to strength; lift them up while they worship Thee; perfect Thy gifts in them, and crown their heads with a diadem, and in their hearts, as in an ark, may Thy grace be stored up; grant them Thine abundant help, and fill their labours with power.

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MOST High God, our loving Father, infinite in majesty, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy servants N.N., that Thou wouldest give them pure minds, perfect love, sincerity in conduct, holiness in heart, strength in action, courage in distress, self-command

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in character. Grant them pardon of their sins: perfect their work: accept their prayers. Protect them by Thine own Name, O God of Jacob. Send them Thy saving help from Thy holy place, and strengthen them out of Sion. Remember their offerings, accept their sacrifices, give them the grace of devotion, fulfil their desires with good gifts, and crown them with Thy mercy. Through.

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O GOD of peace and truth, rebuke the spirit of anti-Christ, lawlessness, and discord, which is ready to break in upon this Church and nation; restrain its abettors, and give grace to all who minister in Thy Name: that like faithful soldiers and servants of Jesus Christ Thy Son, they may stand in the breach, and omit no part of their duty in this day of danger. Through the Same Jesus Christ our Lord, the Prince of Peace and Son of Thy Love.

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FOR A PRIEST IN SICKNESS.

LOOK favourably, O Lord, upon Thy servant N.; and mercifully grant: that [as the health of his body has been impaired by that which Thy good providence has called him to do, so] his spiritual being may be perfected in faith and patience by Thy present discipline of suffering; and that in seclusion from labour, as long as it is Thy good pleasure so to appoint, he may enjoy the closer communion with Thee, Whom he loves to serve and longs to behold. Through.

FOR A PRIEST IN SPECIAL NEED.

GOD, Who wilt always give grace according to our need; grant to Thy servant N. that he may have wisdom to guide him in perplexity, patience for the endurance of tribulation, meekness in dealing with his enemies, reverence for Thy truth while upholding it before the world, and loyalty to Thee in all things. In every suffering give him the consolation of Thy Holy Spirit. In every triumph make him to experience the calmness of holy love. If he fall under the power of the enemy, grant that his sufferings may be accepted of Thee for the edification of Thy faithful people. Through.

O GOD, great in power, unsearchable in understanding, wondrous in counsels towards the children of men; do Thou fill with the gift of Thy Holy Spirit Thy servant N., whom Thou hast called to the priest-

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hood: that he may be worthy to stand in Thy presence unblameably, to announce the Gospel of Thy kingdom, to administer the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, to set forth the Word of Thy truth, and to offer the Holy Sacrifice unto Thee: that at the second coming of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, Thine Only-begotten Son, he may go forth to meet Him with joy, and by the multitude of Thy mercies receive the reward for good stewardship in His service; for blessed and glorified is thine all-honoured and glorious Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

FOR INCREASE OF CLERGY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, look mercifully upon the world, redeemed by the blood of Thy dear Son, and send forth many more to do the work of the ministry: that perishing souls may be rescued, and Thy glorious triumph may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect. Through the Same.

RAISE up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, faithful priests, who shall do according to that which is in Thine Heart and in Thy Mind: that they may be holy unto their God, and may offer the Bread of their God, that their sacrifice may be accepted upon Thine Altar, and be received as a propitiation for the living and the dead. Through.

FOR ONE IN TRAINING FOR HOLY ORDERS.

THOU TRUE LIGHT, that lightest every man that cometh into the world; do Thou in Thy mercy touch the heart and lighten the understanding of Thy servant N., who is preparing for Thy ministry: that he may readily acknowledge and cheerfully obey all that Thou wouldest have him believe and practise, to the benefit of Thy Holy Church and his own salvation.

FOR A CHOIR.

GRANT, O Lord Jesu Christ, that those who lead Thy worship upon earth may be admitted to join in the ceaseless song of heavenly worship with Thine elect: let their white robes be to them a constant memorial of the purity which Thou requirest, and their association with Thy priests on earth remind them of their nearness to Thee, the great High Priest, by Whom alone our praises are acceptably offered to the Father: that so their lives, as well as their psalms, may be found to Thine honour and glory. Who ever livest to make intercession for us, our Mediator and Advocate, our Lord and our God.

FOR PARISH WORKERS.

LORD, without Whom our labour is but lost, and with Whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty; be present to all works in Thy Church which are undertaken according to Thy will (especially in this parish): and grant to Thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the bliss of serving Thee in heaven. Through.

FOR A PARISH.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of Thy servants, and grant unto this parish all things needful for its spiritual welfare; schools wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear; priests to feed and teach Thy people. Strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy Truth; bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy Name. Through.

BLESS, O Lord, this parish in which I live. Bless our Church and our schools. Give us all things needful for our souls. Make

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our clergy wise and strong: grant Thy help, O Jesu, to all who work for love of Thee. To those who in this world are poor give the riches of Thy grace, and treasure in the world to come. Heal the sick, and make glad those that mourn. Watch over little children. Bring back, O tender Shepherd, all straying sheep to Thy fold, and help those who try to do Thy will. Lead many to the confession of their sins, the peace of Thy forgiveness, and the joy of Thy holy Altar. Who livest.

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O GOD the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, I pray Thee, the congregation of this parish with Thy love and favour; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, Whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify as One God, world without end.

FOR A PARISH.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, look down from heaven, we beseech Thee, upon both the old and young in this parish; bless them in their bodies, and bless them in their souls; and grant that those who have received Thy sign, O Christ, upon their foreheads, may at the day of judgement be acknowledged as Thy true children. Who livest.

FOR ONE NEWLY BAPTIZED.

GOD, Who hast bestowed on Thy servant N., by Holy Baptism, redemption from *his* sins, and the life of regeneration; do Thou, O Lord God, grant the brightness of Thy Face to shine for ever on *his* heart. Preserve the shield of *his* faith safe from the lying-in-wait of the adversary; the robe of incorruption, which *he* has put on, clean and unpolluted; and the spiritual seal of grace untouched and inviolate, Thou being reconciled to *him* according to the multitude of Thy mercies; for blessed and glorified is Thy venerable and majestic Name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

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FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES.

O MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee so abundantly to strengthen Thy servants who are about to be confirmed with the sevenfold gifts of Thy Holy Spirit: that they who are admitted by this sacrament to the perfection of Christian grace may grow unto the perfection of Christian life, in the exercise of the power which Thou hast given them. Through.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, let Thy Holy Spirit be poured into the hearts of those who are now seeking to be confirmed at the hands of Thy chief servant. Help them to put away evil, and forgive them all their sins of thought and word and deed. Give them a teachable and sober mind, that they may willingly learn those things which belong to their peace; and renewed by Thy grace, and daily increasing in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, may they come unto Thy everlasting kingdom. Who livest.

FOR THOSE NEWLY CONFIRMED.

HOLY GHOST, Who hast vouchsafed to choose our bodies for Thy temple, quickening us unto newness of life in union with the Only-begotten Son; reveal Thy gracious indwelling in every one of us: and especially now we pray for those upon whom Thou hast recently descended: that they may by Thy presence be strengthened against every enemy, and enlightened with a true knowledge of things Divine; so that, living in the fear and love of God, they may be purified from earthly corruption, and attain to dwell in the blessed fellowship of Thine everlasting glory. Through.

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FOR ONE ABOUT TO BE BAPTIZED.

O LORD, the Creator of all, the Fountain of living water, Who by the laver of Baptism dost put away the sins of those to whom Thou hast given grace, by the faith of the Resurrection, to confess Thee without fear of man; fill Thy servant N. so fully with Thy Holy Spirit, that Christ, being formed in *his* heart, may be revealed within *him* as *his* life and joy. Hear us, O merciful Father, through the Same.

FOR ONE UNBAPTIZED.

HAVE mercy, Thou God and Father of all, upon N., who has not been admitted within Thy covenant of grace. Draw *him* by Thy love, that *he* may seek the water of life. Give *him* boldness, that *he* may not be kept from Thee by any fear of man, or prejudice of the natural heart; but yielding *himself* up to Thy command may escape the corruption which is in the world through lust, and be admitted to the participation of Thy Divine Nature, as Thine elect child. Through.

FOR THOSE ABOUT TO MARRY.

GUIDE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy servants N. N., who are purposing to be married: that they, choosing that condition of life in which best to glorify Thee, and that companion of their married life who may best help them to serve Thee, may not be drawn away from Thy love by any earthly ties, but may rather be bound the more closely to Thyself in the ties of an earthly love which Thou hast blest. Through.

SEND down Thy blesssing, O Lord, upon Thy servant N., with whom I am about to enter into the holy estate of matrimony. Purify our hearts that in loving one another we may love Thee above all: and when it shall please Thee to make us one, give us one heart and one mind to fulfil Thy commandments, and to be true to each other a Thou art true to Thy spouse the Church. Who livest.

FOR MARRIED PERSONS SEPARATED.

HEAVENLY FATHER, in Whose love Thy creatures find a continuing bond of communion; be gracious unto Thy servants N. N.: and grant unto them a happy reunion in the joy of that love which Thou hast blest. Suffer not their outward separation to occasion any estrangement of heart, but enable them so to advance in Thy love, that they may love one another with the greater purity and the deeper affection, and may finally come to dwell together in the glorified company of Thine elect. Through.

FOR ONE IN RELIGIOUS DIFFICULTY.

holy joy, to bow before the mystery of Thy counsel with humble self-abasement, to wait for Thy perfect revelation with patient confidence. Strengthen *him* with a good courage to persevere amidst the darkness of this present life, going forward in quietness, and holding fast Thy truth in a good conscience, without fear; until *he* attain with all Thy saints to behold the manifestation of Thy glory in Thine eternal kingdom. Through.

FOR ONE THWARTED IN RELIGIOUS THINGS.

SANCTIFY O Lord, the endeavours of Thy servant N., who desires to give *himself* to Thee. Accept *his* desires; make the way plain for *him*, to know in what way *he* may best correspond with the call of Thy grace, without violating the indications of Thy providence. Grant that the purity of *his* devotion may bring those around *him* to acknowledge Thy work in *his* heart, and bring them all with one heart and mind to acknowledge Thy sovereignty, and strive together for the advancement of Thy kingdom. Through.

FOR A GOD-CHILD.

ALMIGHTY GOD, look mercifully upon my God-child N. Grant that *he* may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thee. Guide *him* by Thy wisdom, and protect *him* by Thy strength. Shield *him* in the hour of temptation, and strengthen *his* heart to love all holy things; and in Thine own time bring *him* to the joy of Thine Altar. T r ugh.

O MERCIFUL FATHER, Who hast called me into a holy and spiritual relationship with Thy child N.; help me according to my opportunity to fulfil my duties towards *him*. Grant that *he* may never fall before temptation through lack of my prayers, and that those who are *his* kindred and guardians after the flesh may train *him* in the things of the Spirit. Through.

FOR RELIGIOUS.

LOOK favourably, O Lord, upon all those who desire to give themselves wholly to the things which are Thine, that they may please Thee without distraction; and grant them grace to guard with equal care both body and spirit, that no taint of impurity may defile the souls, which, as the precious pearls of Thy Church, should be found spotless in the single love of Thee. Who livest.

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FOR ONE IN SPECIAL TEMPTATION.

O GOD, Who willest not the death of a sinner; protect with Thy heavenly aid Thy servant N., who is now exposed to special temptation; and grant: that in the fulfilment of Thy commandments *he* may be strengthened by the assistance of Thy grace. Through.

FOR ONE WITHOUT THE MEANS OF GRACE.

LORD, make Thy sanctifying presence continually manifest to Thy servant N., who is without any to minister in Thy Name to *his* spiritual necessities. Teach *him* so meekly to use this privation as a means of grace, uniting *him* to the Passion of Thy dear Son, that *his* faith and patience being perfected by inward communion with Him, *he* may in the end obtain Thy promises together with Thy redeemed. Through the Same.

For Relations, etc.

FOR A WIFE.

ETERNAL and gracious Father, Who hast consecrated the holy estate of marriage to become a mystery, to represent the union of Christ and His Church; give Thy blessing to Thy servant my dear wife: give her a long life and good health; encircle her with blessings, adorn her with Thy grace, nourish her with content, refresh her with perpetual comfort; let the light of Thy Countenance be upon her in all her actions, and grant that she may more and more increase in the love and fear of Thy Holy Name. May the blessings of the Eternal God be upon her body and soul, and abide with her till the end of a holy and happy life: and grant that both of us may live together in the presence of the Holy and Eternal Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

FOR A HUSBAND.

MERCIFUL LORD GOD, bless my husband Thy servant. Prosper his work. Enrich his soul with the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit. Deliver him from his besetting temptations. Draw him to love Thee more and more. Grant us to love one another with such purity that we may never forfeit Thy grace. Whatever of sorrow we may share together on earth, bring us in the end to have our share together in the joy of Thy redeemed. Through.

FOR PARENTS.

GOD, merciful and gracious, Who hast made my parents ministers of Thy mercy and instruments of providence to Thy servant; I humbly beg a blessing to descend upon their heads. Depute Thy holy Angels to guard their bodies, Thy Holy Spirit to guide their souls, Thy providence to minister to their necessities; let Thy grace and mercy preserve them from the bitter pains of eternal death, and bring them to everlasting life. Through.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and our mother; grant me of Thy goodness, so to honour my parents, to fear and obey them, to help and to pray for them, as Thou in Thy holy Word hast directed and charged

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me to do : that by Thy fatherly mercy I may obtain that blessing which Thou hast promised to those that honour their father and mother ; and that Thou, seeing my unfeigned love and reverence towards them, mayest number me among those Thy children who are heirs of Thy glorious kingdom. Through.

FOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

HEAVENLY FATHER, strengthen me and my brothers and sisters in the holy bonds of Thy love, by drawing us all to an increasing love of Thyself; till the brotherhood which has begun on earth shall be perfected in Thy heavenly kingdom. Through.

O MOST loving Father, I pray Thee to bless my brothers and sisters (*here mention the name of each one*). Grant that our affection for one another may be sanctified by Thy grace, and our sympathies quickened by the remembrance of Thy loving kindness: and that our hearts being knit together here in the love of Thee, we may stand hereafter in perfect love before Thy Throne. Through.

FOR CHILDREN.

ALMIGHTY GOD and Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for the children which Thou hast given me: give me also grace to train them in Thy faith, fear, and love, that as they advance in years they may grow in grace, and may hereafter be found in the number of Thine elect children. Through.

GRANT, O Lord, unto my children that they may be kept from falling under the temptations of the world: give them deliverance by Thy grace from the sin which doth so easily beset them (especially N.); grant to them advancement in all true wisdom and holy learning, so as finally to be perfected in the image of Thine Only-begotten Son. Who liveth.

FOR CHILDREN.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who hast redeemed us and all the sons of Thy Holy Church with Thy most precious blood; visit, I beseech Thee, my dear children whom Thou hast made members of Thee, and united unto Thy family. As Thou hast brought them into Thy fold, so do Thou help them by Thy right Hand; count them with Thy lambs, govern them by Thy love, direct them in Thy way. Make them reverent and holy, teachable, and observant of all heavenly precepts; temperate and chaste in their lives; dutiful and loving towards their parents; gentle, patient, and courteous to all. So, Lord, do Thou adorn them with the grace of Thy Spirit, assist them with Thy tender compassion, and sanctify them by Thy truth, that they may grow up in Thy holy ways, and render acceptable praise and adoration to hee. Who livest.

FOR AN UNDUTIFUL CHILD.

LORD, have mercy upon N., my child, fallen under the snares of the evil one; and as Thou lovest *him* with a love more perfect than mine own, so restore *him* to penitence in answer to my prayer; and grant: that *he*, acknowledging Thee as *his* Father, may yet be acknowledged of Thee, and admitted to the glory of Thy children. Through Thy unspeakable mercy in Jesus Christ.

FOR A FAMILY.

MOST gracious and merciful God and Father, accept my prayer on behalf of my family. Pardon our coldness, bitterness, want of love, divisions, self-seeking, and ill tempers. Convert us wholly to the love of Thyself, that being taught of Thee to love one another, we may be enabled to love Thee, though we see Thee not, until we see Thee as Thou art, and love Thee according to the fulness of Thy manifestation. Grant that we may mutually forgive, and dwell together in unity as members of one earthly family, and partakers of one heavenly hope, in the unity of the Body of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

FOR ANY IN FOREIGN LANDS.

GOD, Who art everywhere present, look down with Thy mercy upon those our dear ones who are absent from amongst us. Give Thy holy Angels charge over them, and grant: that by the light of Thy Divine inspiration, and the gifts of Thy bountiful providence, they may be kept safe in body, soul, and spirit, and with us may come at last to Thine eternal home. Through.

FOR A HOUSEHOLD.

BLESS, O Lord, this house and all who dwell in it, as Thou wast pleased to bless the house of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob : that within the walls may dwell an Angel of light, and that those who dwell together in it may receive the abundant dew of Thy heavenly blessing, and through Thy tenderness rejoice in peace and quiet. Through.

FOR RELATIONS.

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon all those whom Thou hast associated with me in the bonds of kindred and natural affection (especially N. N.); and grant: that they with me may be so perfectly conformed to Thy holy will, that being cleansed from all earthly desires we may be found worthy, by the inspiration of Thy love, to be partakers together of the blessedness of Thy heavenly kingdom. Through.

FOR A FRIEND.

I PRAY Thee, Good Lord Jesu, by the love which Thou hadst for him who lay on Thy Bosom, to make me thankful for all that Thou hast given me in Thy servant N., and to bless my friend exceeding abundantly, above all that I can ask or think. Help us to love each other in Thee and for Thee, to be one in heart through all separations, and to walk as friends in the path of Thy service; and finally unite us for ever at Thy Feet, where peace and love are perfect and immortal, and Thou with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest ever One God for ever.

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ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, have mercy on Thy servant, my dear friend N. Keep *him* continually under Thy protection, and direct *him* according to Thy gracious favour in the way of everlasting salvation: that *he* may desire such things as please Thee, and with all *his* strength perform the same. And forasmuch as *he* trusts in Thy mercy, vouchsafe, O Lord, graciously to assist *him* with Thy heavenly help, that *he* may ever diligently serve Thee, and by no temptations be separated from Thee. Through.

FOR SERVANTS.

GRACIOUS FATHER, bless my servants and make them Thine: give them grace to serve Thee first, then me, with faithfulness, soberness, and diligence. Make me ever willing, and in some measure able, to repay unto them the time and the strength which they spend to do me service. Through.

FOR AN EMPLOYER.

GRANT, O Lord, that *he* for whom I work in the way of the world may be united with me in the way of truth, by a mutual remembrance in prayer to the furtherance of our common salvation. Through.

BLESS, O Lord, my master and mistress, and also my fellow servants, with all temporal and spiritual blessings: make me obedient to those who are set over me, considerate and kind to those who are under me. Grant that I may endure reproof with humility, and fulfil the duties of my calling without murmuring or discontent. Through.

FOR A SPIRITUAL GUIDE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who art the Giver of all good things; I praise Thee for Thy blessings vouchsafed to me by the hands of Thy servant N. Perfect Thy work in his heart according to the fulness of Thy love; and grant: that I, keeping the grace which I have received through his means, may give him cause to rejoice with me in its growth; and that by the manifold fruit of his ministrations, the thanksgivings of many may abound for him in the day of reward. Through.

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GOD, by Whose command the moments of our life run their course; receive our prayers for Thy servant N. lying sick, on whose behalf we implore Thy mercy: that our fears on account of *his* danger may be turned into joy at *his* recovery. Through.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who succourest those that labour under perils and afflictions; we humbly beseech Thy majesty, that it may please Thee to send Thy holy Angel to uphold with Thy comfort Thy servant N., who is suffering pain and distress: that *he* may both receive Thy present aid, and attain eternal healing. Through.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, our Saviour and Redeemer, hear us when we pray to Thee on behalf of our sick *brother* N: that Thy Holy Eucharist may avail for the preservation of soul and body, and for the attainment of everlasting life. Who livest.

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Comfort of the sad, the Strength of sufferers; let the prayers of those that cry out of their tribulation come unto Thee: that they may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their affliction. Through.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who for man didst bear the Agony and the Cross; draw Thou near to Thy servant N. in *his* suffering: hallow *his* cross in this life, and crown *him* hereafter where all tears are wiped away. Where Thou.

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HEAR us, almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thy accustomed goodness to this Thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to *him:* that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance: that if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory; or else, give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting. Through.

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ALMIGHTY, Ever-living God, Maker of mankind, Who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive; we beseech Thee to have mercy upon this Thy servant visited with Thine Hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health (if it be Thy gracious will); and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee. Through.

FOR A SICK CHILD.

LORD JESU CHRIST, Who camest into this world as a little child in cold and want and helplessness; look mercifully upon N., and in Thy great love grant *him* relief from sickness: raise *him* up again, if it be Thy will, to health and strength. Who livest.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of Thy mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy Salvation; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies'

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sake: that, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the Same, Thy Son and our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth.

BEFORE AN OPERATION.

GRACIOUS LORD, by Whose Word man lives, and not by any human means alone; direct, we pray Thee, the hand of him who is about to operate on the body of Thy servant N., and prosper his skill to a merciful and blessed issue. Let not Thy servant's confidence in man lessen *his* dependence upon Thee. Strengthen *him*, O blessed Lord, with the consolations of Thy Spirit, and lay not upon *him* more than Thou wilt enable *him* to bear. Through.

FOR ONE IN GREAT PAIN.

HAVE mercy on Thy servant N., O Lord, and give *him* patience in this time of suffering. Let Thy grace support *him*, and by *his* pain unite *his* soul more nearly unto Thee. Consider *his* weakness, and lay not upon *him* more than *he* can bear. Keep *him* from all complainings, that in true submission *he* may glorify Thy Name. Through.

FOR ONE RECOVERING.

GOD, the Giver of health and life, we praise Thee for Thy mercy which Thou hast shown in restoring thy servant N. to some measure of health. Enable *him* to use for Thy glory those faculties which Thou hast given *him*: that the renewal of *his* bodily strength may not cause *his* desires to rest on earthly objects, but rather incline *him* by the remembrance of *his* great danger, to live as one separated from the world, so that *he* may set about all *his* actions with a more steadfast endeavour to be found in the end acceptable unto Thee. Through.

FOR ONE UNLIKELY TO RECOVER.

JESU, Fount of Love, who hast borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; look down upon Thy servant who is smitten and afflicted with sickness unto death. Lord, *he* is Thine, O save *him*. Keep *him* from the power of the enemy. As *his* soul draws nigh unto death, strengthen *him* by the power of Thine own Passion. If it seem good to Thee, dear Shepherd of the flock, restore this sick sheep to health and strength: but if Thou art now about to call *him* from the ways of this life, set *him*, good Lord, in the rich pastures of the life everlasting. For Thy mercy's sake.

FOR ONE DYING.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; we fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under Thy Hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, so much the more continually with Thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with Thee; and that if Thou wilt, Thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the

FOR ONE DYING.

time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech Thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in Thy favour, *his* soul may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom. Through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour.

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O ALMIGHTY GOD, come, we beseech Thee, to the help of Thy servant N., now drawing near to the hour of *his* departing; and grant: that the evil one may not prevail against *him*; but that repenting of all *his* sins *he* may at last find mercy with Thee. Through.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, the Strength of them that put their trust in Thee; vouchsafe unto Thy servant increase of spiritual strength, as *his* bodily vigour faileth; and grant: that as *his* eyes become dim and *his* ears dull to earthly things, *his* affections may be the more set on things above. Through Thy mercy, Who livest.

FOR ONE DYING.

O GOD of love and peace, Who for the salvation of mankind didst endure to be hanged on a cross, and didst pour forth Thy blood for our redemption; favourably receive my prayer for Thy servant N., and bestow on *him* Thy mercy: that when Thou shalt command *him* to depart from the body, the enemy may have no power over *him*, but the Angel of Peace may place *him* among Thy saints and elect, where light abides and life reigns, world without end.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast been pleased to breathe into man a soul according to Thy likeness; do Thou, while at Thy bidding dust returns to dust, command Thine image to be associated with Thy saints and elect in an everlasting home: and gently and tenderly receive it on its return from the land of Egypt unto Thee, and send Thy holy Angels to meet it, and show it the way of righteousness, and open the gates of Thy glory. Through.

FOR ONE DYING.

DEPART, O Christian soul, out of this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, Who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ His Son, Who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, Who has been poured into thee. May thy place this day be in peace, and thy habitation in the heavenly Jerusalem.

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O ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prison; we humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant our dear *brother* into Thy Hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching Thee, that it may be precious in in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatever defilement it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who sur-

FOR ONE DYING.

vive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting. Through the merits of Jesus Christ Thine only Son our Lord.

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O LORD JESU, our Saviour and Redeemer, by Thy victory over death, and the infinite merits of Thy death and passion, we beseech Thee, in behalf of this Thy servant, to have thoughts of peace, mercy, and comfort, and not those of affliction. Bear *him* up with Thy most holy Hands, which Thou gavest to be pierced for *him*, against all distrust and despair; deliver *him* from *his* necessities, and be *his* Comforter in this distress. O good Jesu, plead for *him*, and obtaining *his* pardon, conduct *him* into Thy eternal rest.

FOR THE DEPARTED.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we give Thee hearty thanks for this Thy servant, whom Thou hast delivered from the miseries of this sinful world, from the body of death, and from all temptation; and, as we trust, hast brought *his* soul, which *he* committed into Thy holy Hands, into sure consolation and rest. Grant, we beseech Thee, that at the day of judgement *his* soul, and all the souls of the elect, departed out of this life, may with us and we with them, fully receive Thy promises, and be made perfect altogether. Through the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O GOD, the Free-giver of pardon and the Lover of man's salvation; we humbly implore Thy mercy on behalf of those of our relations, friends, and benefactors, who have passed from this world (especially N. N.): that Thou wouldest grant them, together with

FOR THE DEPARTED.

all the faithful, the full participation of everlasting happiness. Through.

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O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins; that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Through.

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BE mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and who rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace. Through the Same.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, with Thy saints for evermore: for Thou art gracious.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them.

WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE DEPARTED.

O LORD GOD, of Whose great mercy it is that good cometh out of evil; turn that sorrow which has now befallen this house to the good and benefit of everyone therein; that so the house of mourning may prove to them better than the house of feasting. Through.

THE GOD of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight; to Whom be glory for ever and ever.

WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE DEPARTED.

O MERCIFUL GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus, Who is the first-fruits of the Resurrection, and by entering into glory hath opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; we humbly beseech Thee to raise us up from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that being partakers of the death of Christ, and followers of His holy life, we may be partakers of His Spirit and of His promises: that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in His Arms, and lie in His Bosom, as our hope is this our *brother* doth. O suffer us not for any temptation of the world, or any snares of the devil, or any pains of death, to fall from Thee. Lord, let Thy Holy Spirit enable us by His grace to fight a good fight with perseverance, to finish our course with holiness, and to keep the Faith with constancy unto the end: that at the day of judgement we may stand at the right hand of the Throne of God, and hear the blessed sentence of "Come, ye blessed children of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." O blessed Jesu, Thou art our Judge, and Thou art our Advocate; even because Thou art good and gracious, never

WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE DEPARTED.

suffer us to fall into the intolerable pains of Hell, never to lie down in sin, and never to have our portion in the everlasting burning. Mercy, sweet Jesu, mercy.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we give Thee hearty thanks for this Thy servant, whom Thou hast delivered from the miseries of this sinful world, from the body of death, and from all temptation: and, as we trust, hast brought *his* soul into sure consolation and rest. Grant, we beseech thee: that at the day of judgement *his* soul and all the souls of the elect, departed out of this life, may with us, and we with them, fully receive Thy promises, and be made perfect altogether, through the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR ONE OUT OF HIS MIND.

HEAVENLY FATHER, may Thy supernatural power sustain and comfort Thy servant N., who has lost the natural faculties of reason and self-control. Suffer not the evil one to vex *him:* impute not unto *him* any unseemliness of word or action into which *he* may fall. Look upon *him* graciously, as redeemed by the blood of Thy dear Son; and grant: that *he*, finding Him *his* only wisdom, may be delivered from the darkness of the world, and attain to the glory of Thine immediate presence. Through the Same.

FOR ONE BED-RIDDEN.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray Thee to comfort with Thy grace the soul of Thy servant N., who is hindered by infirmity from worshipping in the congregation of the faithful. Give *him* this day and always the sweet consolation of Thy presence, and make *him* feel and know that Thou art a God Whose eyes are in every place, and Whose ears are open to the prayers of all Thy children who call upon Thee. Give *him* an eager desire for the ministrations of Thy Holy Church: fixedness of heart, and a contented mind: and prepare *his* soul for the worship of Heaven. Through.

FOR THE AGED.

HEAVENLY FATHER, Who didst bless Thine aged servants Symeon and Anna, suffering them to behold with their eyes the Saviour of the world, and to see Thy Salvation; bless, we pray Thee, Thy servant N. in his latter days. Let not *his* mind be clouded with doubts or darkness. May *his* path be as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. May *his* end be calm and blessed. Let Thy servant depart in peace. Suffer *him* not, at *his* last hour, for any pains of death to fall from Thee. Guide *him* through the valley of the shadow of death, and grant *him* to pass with joy from the weakness of this life to the rest of Paradise. Through.

FOR ONE BLIND.

JESU, Light of the world, and Sun of righteousness, look down in mercy upon Thy servant N. in *his* blindness. Give *him*, we pray Thee, spiritual sight; shed the rays of Thy truth upon *his* soul; enlighten *his* mind to see clearly the things which belong unto *his* peace. Keep *him* from the powers of darkness, and help *him* to walk as a child of the light. Grant to *him*, we pray Thee, that when the night of this world is ended, *he* may awake up in Thy likeness, and seeing Thee face to face may enter into the light of everlasting day. Who livest.

AFTER AN ACCIDENT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast in Thy wisdom smitten Thy servant N.; remember *him* in *his* present low estate: of Thy mercy restore *him*, if it be Thy will, to soundness of body, that with a thankful heart *he* may live to serve Thee and praise Thy Holy Name. Through.

O MOST GRACIOUS FATHER, we fly unto Thee for mercy in behalf of Thy servant N., now smitten by the sudden visitation of Thy Hand. If it be Thy will, preserve *his* life: but if Thou hast otherwise appointed, let Thy mercy supply to *him* the lack of time. Prepare *his* soul for death, and help *him* in a short time to do the work of many days, that *he* may repent *him* of *his* sins and enter into everlasting life. Through.

BEFORE CHILDBIRTH.

BLESSED JESU, Who didst not abhor the Virgin's womb, but tookest upon Thee the form of a servant, and wast made in the likeness of men; look graciously upon Thy servant N., and be merciful unto her, as Thou art wont to be unto all those who fear Thy name. Be present with her in her trial; be Thou her helper and deliverer; turn her heaviness into thanksgiving and her mourning into joy. Give Thy servant strength to bring forth, and let her live to rejoice in the fruit of her womb. Who livest.

FOR A NEW BORN CHILD.

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst create all creatures, and bring all things out of nothing into being; we implore Thee of Thy goodness to give Thy blessing to this child. Let the cross of Thy Son be signed in *his* heart and mind, to drive away all worldly vanities, and to protect *him* from the power of the adversary. Vouchsafe unto *him* Thy Holy Baptism, and grant that Thy Name may remain upon *him*, never to be renounced; that being joined to Thy Holy Church, *he* may be perfected in the mysteries of Thy Christ; and living after Thy commandments *he* may obtain the blessedness of the elect in Thy kingdom. Through the grace and loving-kindness of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, even unto ages of ages.

V.

In Various Circumstances.

IN VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and Godly serve Thee. Through.

O GOD, of infinite mercy, Who hast compassion on all men, and relievest the necessities of all that call to Thee for help; hear the prayer of Thy servant, who is unworthy to ask any petition for *himself*, yet, in humility and duty, is bound to pray for others. Through.

IN VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

KEEP us, O God, from all evil; from famine and pestilence, from fire and sword, from civil war, from false religion, and from discountenancing the true. Let every Christian soul find pity at the Throne of Grace: let all our errors and ignorances find pardon by Christ, and remedy by the Holy Spirit of Christ: hear our prayers, relieve all our necessities, sanctify all the events of Thy providence, and the changes of our life, that we may for ever love and fear Thee; and may all things work together for our good unto Thy glory. Through the Same.

FOR ONE AT SEA.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who didst bid blessed Peter Thine Apostle to come unto Thee upon the water; be present with Thy servant N. who is journeying by sea: and grant: that, protected by Thy mercy, *he* may in all safety and without hindrance reach the place where *he* would be, and may finally attain to the haven of everlasting salvation. Where Thou.

FOR ONE GOING ON A JOURNEY.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and graciously accompany Thy servant N. on *his* journey; and as Thou art everywhere, do Thou everywhere bestow on *him* Thy mercy, that being by Thy assistance defended against all adversaries, *he* may enjoy the fulfilment of *his* just desires. Through.

FOR A SOLDIER IN THE FIELD.

DEFEND, O Lord, Thy servant N., and cover his head in the day of battle. Be Thou his defence against the face of his enemies. Fill him with Thy might in the inner man, that he may be strong, and of a good courage. Make him gentle and tender hearted in the moment of victory. If death come to him, grant that he may die without pain and without reproach. For Thy mercies' sake.

FOR A CRIMINAL IN PRISON.

GOD, Who in mercy for the souls of Thy children dost suffer temporal judgements to overtake them, that they may by penitence escape the sentence of condemnation at the last day; make Thy servant N. so to profit by *his* punishment, that *he* may be brought thereby to newness of life. Through.

FOR THE POOR AND SORROWFUL.

THOU, Who art the Helper of the helpless, a Refuge in due time of trouble; remember all who are in any necessity, and stand in need of Thy help: feed the hungry, heal the sick, give deliverance to the captive; comfort the fatherless and the widow; sustain the aged, strengthen the faint-hearted, gather the dispersed, and bring back again to Thee such as are gone astray. Through.

FOR THE WANDERING POOR.

LORD JESU CHRIST, Who hadst not where to lay Thy Head; have mercy upon all who are destitute of any earthly home. Thou hast borne their grief: pardon Thou their sin. Give them the desire of industry and the opportunity of honest labour, that they may dwell peaceably upon the earth, until they come to those mansions which Thou hast provided in Thy Father's house for all who will return through Thyself into the way of salvation. Where Thou.

FOR THE CHURCH AND REALM.

LOOK, O Lord, in mercy upon Thy Holy Catholic Church, confirm and strengthen all Bishops, sanctify all Priests, and fill Thy Deacons with humility. Plant in us all the unity of love; prepare for us the way of righteousness; give purity to the single, mutual love to the married, kindliness to the rich, modesty to those who are high exalted, help to the needy; strengthen the aged, teach the young, convert the unbelieving, forgive the penitent; remove from Thy Church all heresies and schisms, and make us all one in faith and holiness. Have mercy upon our Queen, and upon all who serve her in her courts, her army, and her navy. Have mercy upon all travellers, and bring them safely to their home. Give to the sick health, to the sorrowful comfort, to prisoners liberty; take to Thine own charge the orphans, help the widows, support the poor, raise up them that fall, and strengthen those who stand. Give

FOR THE CHURCH AND REALM.

to Thy people one heart; give peace to the world, sweetness to the air: bless the winds of heaven and the fruits of the earth, and crown the year with Thy goodness; for the eyes of all wait upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season. Deal with us after Thy mercy, Thou that givest food to all flesh; fill our hearts with joy and gladness, that we may always receive such things as are needful for us, and may abound on every good work. Through.

FOR A BENEFACTOR.

BE pleased, O Lord, to remember Thy servant N. who hast shown to me loving kindness. Grant *him* health of body and vigour of mind, that *he* may love Thee with all *his* strength, and do those things which are pleasing to Thee. Do good unto *him*, and return all *his* kindness double into *his* own bosom, rewarding *him* with Thy blessing, sanctifying *him* with Thy graces, and bringing *him* to glory. Through.

A WIDOW'S PRAYER FOR HER CHILDREN.

THOU, Who art the Judge of the widow, and Father of the fatherless; I commend to Thy fatherly care myself, and the children Thou hast given me. Lord, keep us from the evil of this world, and bring us, I beseech Thee, to the bliss of a better. Holy Father, take my children to Thy care, and teach them Thy fear: be Thou Tutor to their souls, and Protector of their lives, that by Thy grace and mercy they may not miscarry in either: let me serve Thee in them, and nurse them up in both, for Thee. Assist me with wisdom, grace, and power to do it, and give them grace in all duty and obedience to suffer it. Let not my affections be too vehement or fond, neither let me neglect them, nor distrust Thee. Lord, give them Thy blessing. Let the blessing of their departed father be on them: let a widowed mother's blessing be on them: let the blessing of their friends

A WIDOW'S PRAYER.

be on them, even of all who pray for them: but, before all, let Thy blessing, which is above all, be upon them all, I beseech Thee.

O FATHER of mercies, Helper of the fatherless, bless them.

O SON of GOD, Who didst take children in Thine Arms on earth, lay Thy Hands on them and bless them.

O Holy Spirit, Who didst appear in the form of a Dove, behold their weakness, and bless them.

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit, bless them with Thy grace, and bring them to Thy glory and me with them, for Thy mercy's sake, for Thy merit's sake, for Thy goodness' sake, Thou dear Maker, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of us all, now and ever.

FOR A RELIGIOUS WORK.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to prosper with Thy blessing the work of N. which is designed to promote Thy glory and the good of souls. Grant that those who serve Thee may set Thy holy will ever before them, and do that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, and may persevere in Thy service unto the end. Through.

FOR ONE NOT AT PEACE WITH US.

LORD JESU CHRIST, Who didst pray for Thy murderers; forgive Thy servant N. who is not at peace with me; give *him* unfeigned charity towards me and towards all men: grant me by Thy grace to love *him*, and with sincerity to pray for *him:* and knit us together once more in the bonds of Thy holy love. Who livest.

A GENERAL INTERCESSION.

LORD, Whose mercies are over Thy works; Who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance; Thou Who hast suffered death for all, and hast left Thyself to us in the Sacrament of Thy love; vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, Thy blessings upon Thy Church; to Thy Priests give concord and innocence; to kings and rulers wisdom and justice; to virgins chastity; and steadfastness and continuance to those whose lives are dedicated to Thee. To my parents, relations, benefactors, and friends, give all such blessings as they need. To my enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, forgiveness for the wrongs which they have done. Vouchsafe to the married, purity; to penitents, forgiveness; to the just, perseverance; and pardon to sinners, of whom, alas, I am chief. Bring back all heretics and schismatics, enlighten the ignorant, restore the backsliding; give to

GENERAL INTERCESSION.

Pray we for the Clergy;
that they may rightly divide,
that they may rightly walk;
that while they teach others,
themselves may learn.

For the People;
that they seek not to be wise above their measure;
but may be persuaded by reason,
and yield to the authority of superiors.

For Governments;
their stability and peace.

For our Kingdom,
that it may fare well and prosperously,
and be freed from all danger and inconvenience.

For the Queen;
help her now, O Lord,
O Lord, send her now prosperity;
gird her with the armour of truth and good will:
speak good things to her heart
for Thy Church and people.

For the prudence of the Counsellors;
the equity and integrity of the Judges;
the courage of the Army;

GENERAL INTERCESSION.

the temperance of the people,
and their holy simplicity.

For the rising generation,
whether in Universities, or in Schools ;
that as they increase in age,
they may also increase in wisdom,
and in favour with God and man.

For them that shew themselves benevolent,
whether to sacred things,
or to the poor and needy ;
reward Thou them sevenfold into their bosom ;
let their souls dwell at ease,
and their seed inherit the earth.
Blessed may they be that consider the needy.

That it may please Thee to reward all our
benefactors with eternal blessings ;
For the benefits they have bestowed on us
upon earth,
let them obtain everlasting rewards in heaven.

That it may please Thee to behold and to
relieve
the miseries of the poor and the captives.

That it may please Thee of Thy merciful
compassion
to restore the frail lapses of the flesh,
and to strengthen them that are falling ;

GENERAL INTERCESSION.

That it may please Thee graciously to accept
our reasonable service.
That it may please Thee to raise our minds
to heavenly desires.
That it may please Thee to look on us with
the eyes of Thy compassion.
That it may please Thee to preserve the souls
of us and ours
from everlasting damnation.
That it may please Thee to grant unto me,
with those for whom I have prayed,
or for whom I am in any way bound to pray,
and with all the people of God,
an entrance into Thy kingdom;
there to behold Thy Presence in righteousness,
and to be satisfied with glory.
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!

HEADS OF INTERCESSION.

I.

FOR all creatures, men, persons compassed with infirmity.

Churches
Catholic,
Eastern,
Western,
British.

The Episcopate,
Presbytery,
Clergy,
Christian people.

States
of the whole earth,
Christian,
neighbouring,
our own.

Rulers,
kings,
religious kings,
our own.

The Royal Family,
Councillors,
Judges,
Nobles,

Soldiers,
Sailors,
the People,
the rising generation,
schools,
those at court,
in cities,
in the country.

Those who serve
the soul;

HEADS OF INTERCESSION.

those who serve
the body,
in food,
clothing,
health,
necessaries.

Those who have a
claim on my prayers,
by nature,
by benefits,
from trust,
formerly or now
in friendship,
in love,
in neighbourhood;
from promise,
from mutual offices,
from want of leisure,
from destitution,
from extremity.

II.

REMEMBER, O Lord,
Thy whole Creation, the World,
our whole race, the inhabited
the states of the world, [Earth,
the Catholic Church, the Christian
the separate Churches, [Religion.
the separate States,
our Church, our Country,
our State,
the orders in each,
the persons in the orders, the Priesthood,
the Queen, the Royal Family.

HEADS OF INTERCESSION.

[my school,
my University,
my College;
the parish committed to me,
this diocese];
my home,
my kindred,
those who shew me pity,
those who minister to me;
my neighbours,
my friends,
those who have a claim on me.

III.

REMEMBER, O Lord,
the Creation, the race of man,
all in afflictions, and all in prosperity,
all in error, and all in truth,
all in sin, and all in grace;
the Church Ecumenical,
Eastern, Western, our own.
Rulers, Clergy, Laity.
States of the earth,
Christian, neighbouring, our own.
the Queen, the Princes,
the Nobles.

HEADS OF INTERCESSION.

Parliament, Law-Courts,
Army, Navy, Police,
The Commons,
Farmers, Merchants, Artisans,
down to the meaner Workmen,
and the Poor.
Those who have a claim on me,
from kindred,
benefaction,
ministration of things temporal,
charge formerly or now,
natural kindness,
Christian love,
neighbourhood,
promise on my part,
their own desire,
their lack of leisure,
sympathy for their extreme misery;
any good work,
any noble action,
any scandal received from me,
having none to pray for them.

HEADS OF INTERCESSION.

IV.

WORLD,	Inhabited earth.
Church,	Kingdom,
Throne,	Altar.
Council-chamber,	Law-Courts,
Schools,	Workshops.
Infants,	Men and Women,
Boys,	The Elderly.
Girls,	The Aged.
Young men,	The Decrepit.
The possessed,	Travellers,
Weak-hearted,	Voyagers,
Sick,	Those with child,
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